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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Mckinzie III et al (US 6,218,773).

Regarding claim 1, Mckinzie discloses an aperture antenna having a high impedance backing comprising: a radiation element (102) provided on a dielectric substrate; a grounding conductor (116) surrounding a periphery of an outer edge portion of the radiation element at a position spaced away outwardly from the outer edge portion; and a conductive member(102) provided on a surface at a position spaced away outwardly from an outer edge portion of the grounding conductor (116). See figures 1-16, col.2, lines [0026] to col.6, lines 1-[0080].

Regarding claim 2, Mckinzie discloses wherein the conductive member (102) surrounds the periphery of the edge portion of the grounding conductor at a position spaced away outwardly from the outer edge portion. See figures 1-16.

Regarding claim 3, Mckinzie discloses an on-board antenna as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the conductive member is circular-shape. See figure 7, col.6, lines [0068] to lines [0069].

Regarding claim 4, Mckinzie discloses an on-board antenna as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the conductive member is film. See col.2, lines [0032] to lines [0033].

Regarding claim 5, Mckinzie discloses an on-board antenna as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a linear antenna provided at a position spaced away from the conductive member and at the opposite side of the grounding conductor. See col.2, lines [0026] to col.6, lines 1-[0080].

Regarding claim 6, Mckinzie discloses an on-board antenna comprising: a radiation element provided on a dielectric substrate; a grounding conductor surrounding a periphery of an outer edge portion of the radiation element at a position spaced away outwardly from the outer edge portion; and a pair of conductive members provided on the surface at a position spaced away outwardly from an outer edge portion of the grounding conductor so as to oppose each other. See figures 1-16, col.2, lines [0026] to col.6, lines [0080].

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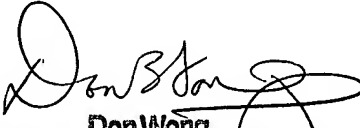
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Marumoto et al (US 6,556,168) and Kalt et al. (US 6,057,814) are cited to show an antenna device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Minh A whose telephone number is (571) 272-1817. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30 –2:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong, can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1553.


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